

WILLIAM STRAUSS is an author, historian, lecturer, playwright, theater director, and active community volunteer.



- **AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN.** Co-author of nine books. With Neil Howe, Strauss has written five books about generational history. The two most recent Strauss-Howe are about the Millennial Generation (*Millennials Rising*, 2000, and *Millennials Go to College*, 2003), and one about Generation X (*13th Gen*, 1993). In *Generations* (1991) and *The Fourth Turning* (1997), Strauss and Howe made several forecasts about this generation—about crime, substance abuse, sexual behavior, family attitudes, and school achievement—that have turned out to be correct. With Elaina Newport, Strauss wrote two books about political humor (*Sixteen Scandals*, 2002, and *Fools on the Hill*, 1992). With Lawrence Baskir, Strauss wrote two books about the Vietnam War (*Chance and Circumstance*, 1978, and *Reconciliation after Vietnam*, 1978). He is working on a soon-to-be-released book about the Millennial Generation and the popular culture, and on a novel.
- **LECTURER AND CONSULTANT.** Partner in LifeCourse Associates, www.lifecourse.com. Clients include numerous public and private organizations about generational trends, including *MTV, Nickelodeon, Paramount Pictures, Hearst Magazines, Time, Pepsi, Disney, Procter & Gamble, Burson-Marsteller, the Ford Motor Company, the U.S. Armed Forces, the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers, and numerous colleges and university.*
- **THEATER DIRECTOR.** Co-founder and director of the *Capitol Steps*, a professional satirical troupe, for whom he still performs. The Capitol Steps have released 24 record albums and have completed five runs Off-Broadway, often with Strauss in the cast.
- **PLAYWRIGHT.** Playwright of three musicals, *MaKiddo*, about gifted teenagers at a high-stress high school; *Free-the-Music.com*, about music downloading; and *Anasazi*, about Hopi legend and prophecy. He is currently writing a play, *Gray Champions*, about generations in history.
- **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER.** Co-founder and national director of *The Cappies*, a national high school theater program through which students attend and review each others' plays and musicals, publish their reviews in major newspapers, and vote for awards that are presented at Cappies Galas at major venues like the Kennedy Center. Strauss also produces the Cappies National Theater at the Kennedy Center, with an all-star national cast of teenage performers. There are now thirteen Cappies programs across the United States, involving hundreds of high schools and thousands of high school students.
- **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND.** Graduate of Harvard College (1969), Harvard Law School and the Kennedy School of Government (1973).
- **FAMILY.** Resident of McLean, Virginia. Father of four children, aged 20 to 27, and husband of Janie Strauss, a member of the Fairfax County School Board.